

BOTH CLAIMING THE ELECTION BY BIG FIGURE

Republican and Democratic Managers Maintain That They Will Win; Hitchcock Says 325, and Mack Says 333.

BETTING IN NEW YORK INCLINES TO CHANLER

President Roosevelt Goes to Oyster Bay to Vote and Will Return to Washington to Receive Returns Tonight.

New York, Nov. 3.—The morning of the presidential election found both parties expressing confidence in the result, the Republicans maintaining their claim of 325 electoral votes, and the Democrats setting their figures at 333, each far more than enough to elect the party candidate. Both chairmen departed for their homes last night to cast their ballots. Mr. Hitchcock at West Newton, Mass., and Mr. Mack in Buffalo. Both will return this evening to receive the result of the election.

Just prior to going to his home, Chairman Hitchcock made this statement: "It has been worked out as systematically as it is possible to apply a system to a national campaign. The chairman-ship of this committee was not of my seeking. Those who are on the inside can testify to this. I had been involved in work previous to the opening of the campaign which, naturally, I thought should have relieved me of this work. However, when it was decided that I should continue the work, I accepted. As I anticipated there was much criticism in the beginning, but I think that the way in which the work has been done justifies me in saying that the results show that the object has been attained. "At no time have I indulged in any personalities. I have studiously endeavored to be fair in all my estimates and to treat those who differed with me in the same spirit of fairness. "If conditions are normal throughout the country, I expected to see my forecast verified. If conditions are otherwise in certain sections, my forecast may be reduced, but I rather expect it will be increased."

Before leaving for Buffalo last night, Chairman Mack at Democratic national headquarters, gave out a final statement claiming victory for Bryan and Kern. He asserted that New York state would give the national ticket a plurality of 50,000, and that Ohio and Indiana would surely go Democratic. He declared that the party would carry most of the other doubtful states and in addition would carry some states that they have not claimed. He adheres to his forecast of 333 votes for Bryan and Kern. During the day Mr. Mack talked with Samuel Gompers and as a result of their conference the national chairman said he was convinced that the labor vote would remain true to the party. "All that is needed to win," said Mr. Mack, "is our full vote and see that it is honestly counted."

AN ELECTION PARTY IN THE WHITE HOUSE

Will Be Entertained By President Roosevelt Tonight—He Started Shortly After Midnight to Vote at Oyster Bay.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 3.—President Roosevelt will entertain an election night party at the White House. Among the guests will be several members of the cabinet, other high government officials and a number of personal friends. Duplicate copies of the election service will be taken for the benefit of Mrs. Roosevelt and a few personal friends in the White House parlors. The president's train is due here at about 7 p. m. After dining he will go at once to his office.

President Roosevelt left here at 12:30 o'clock this morning for Oyster Bay. His private car was attached to the regular train on the Pennsylvania railroad. Mrs. Roosevelt and the president had boarded the car earlier in the evening and were asleep when the train pulled out.

On the train with the president were his secretary, William Loebe, Jr., and a party of the president's executive office staff who have established a voting residence in Oyster Bay, N. Y. A stay of only two hours will be made by the president in his home town. Secretary Root will join the party at Jersey City on the return trip.

BETTING FAVORED CHANLER SLIGHTLY

Odds Offered in The National Fight Were Too Big to Have Much Money Waged in New York.

New York, Nov. 3.—The betting on the campaign wound up like a whirlwind today and it is estimated that

HOUSE WORKS RIGHT ALONG

While Senate Suspends Its Session

198 PRESENT IN HOUSE

Of the 46 Absent Members Sixteen Were Excused for Various Reasons—Big Vote Is Expected at the State House.

State House, Nov. 3. An unusual situation prevailed at the State House this morning. The sessions of the House continued in spite of the fact that it is election day, a national holiday in most of the states, but not in Vermont, and in spite of the fact that the Senate had adjourned until Wednesday afternoon. The resolution proposed by Mr. Howe of St. Johnsbury the other day relative to the enforcement of the rule forbidding absences evidently had its effect, for when the Tuesday roll call was finished the clerk had recorded 198 present and 46 absent. This was 70 better than a quorum.

The following were excused on account of illness, Messrs. Crossman, Ellis, Hill, Heath, Martin, Wheeler and Sheldon; on account of business, Hatchelder and Fletcher; on account of death in the family, Flint; on account of being election officers, Adams, Fren, Fuller, Millard, Pincney and Robinson; excused until noon, McClintock. This made 30 absent without excuse.

Ten bills were introduced and several acted upon. H. 149, relative to the sale of intoxicating liquors lawfully taken by attachment on execution issued by a court by a duly authorized officer was ordered to a third reading. H. 126, providing that cakes and bread sold in carts must be wrapped in wax paper was passed. This bill was introduced by Mr. Howe of Bennington.

The bill introduced a few days ago by Mr. Fish of Vergennes from the committee on fish and game to allow the governor to modify his proclamation so that hunters can shoot game on which the open season is now on, was brought up for passage. It was read the third time the other day. Mr. Fish stated that the gentleman from Derby who opposed the bill before was absent and might want to speak, so he asked that the bill be read a special order for Wednesday morning at 10:15 o'clock.

It is expected that the largest vote ever cast at the State House will be polled this afternoon. Speaker Cheney announced that the members could vote in the office of the secretary of state between 1 and 2:30 this afternoon.

The House this forenoon killed the bill relating to marriage and divorce, forbidding divorced parties to remarry within three years. A substitute bill was presented this morning for House 66, as act to provide for publicity in business partnerships, introduced by Mr. Howe of St. Johnsbury. It was ordered to lie on the table.

NEW MEASURES IN SENATE

In the brief time that the Senate was in session yesterday afternoon prior to adjournment to Wednesday morning, the following bills were introduced:

By Senator Gleason of Caldonia, to consolidate the Chestnut Hill Reservoir company and the Sunset Lake Water company. To municipal corporations.

By Senator Croft of Franklin, to amend charter of village of Enosburgh Falls. To same committee.

By Senator Corry of Washington, relating to powers of state board of health as to burial or removal of dead bodies. To joint committee on public health.

By Senator Potter of Bennington, relating to returns of births, deaths and marriages. To same committee.

By Senator Croft of Franklin, to amend charter of Enosburgh Falls Savings Bank and Trust company. To municipal corporations.

By Senator Corry of Washington, relating to salary of state librarian. To committee on state and court expenses.

By Senator Flag of Orange, to provide for display of flags on school premises. To committee on military affairs.

By Senator Orris of Bennington, to lay a tax on Bennington county to a special committee consisting of senator from same county.

NEW BILLS IN HOUSE TO-DAY

By Mr. Cook of Danby, providing for a state board of education. To consist of governor as chairman and superintendent of education as members ex-officio, and three members appointed by the government for one, two and three years, and successors each for three years thereafter. To be paid \$5 per day for services rendered and necessary expenses. Effective Dec. 30.

By Mr. Cook of Danby, providing for a more uniform and economical examination of teachers.

By Mr. Goodhue of Westminster, to equalize taxation and to create the office of commissioner of appraisal.

By Mr. James of Weybridge, to regulate the buying, selling and packing of apples and to prevent fraudulent practices by the grower or buyer thereof.

By Mr. Watson of the city of St. Albans, to pay George C. Holmes the sum therein named.

By Mr. Church of Whiting to repeat sections 5907 to 5922 inclusive of the statutes, relating to the cattle commissioner and his duties.

By Mr. Howe of St. Johnsbury, establishing a branch of the state laboratory of hygiene at St. Johnsbury; appropriate \$1,800.

By Mr. Leary of Burlington, to amend section 6205 of the statutes, relating to salaries of county clerks. Increases the salary of Chittenden county clerk to \$2,500.

By Mr. Drew of Barton, relating to the

disposition of unexpended highway taxes of incorporated villages.

By Mr. Howe of St. Johnsbury, regulating the sale of railroad tickets. Provides for sale of tickets within the state at same price per mile at which it sells mileages.

Applying for Excuses. The letters applying for excuses began to pile into the House this noon, the absent members seeking to have their records cleared. Four more names were added to the excused list this afternoon.

BECOMING INTERESTED

In the State Evangelistic Campaign in Vermont.

All Christian people of Barre and vicinity are becoming deeply interested in the evangelistic campaign soon to begin in 20 towns of Vermont, and especially our own campaign in Barre. At Holding M. E. church Thursday night four evangelical churches will unite in the greatest effort of the kind ever launched in our city.

This is what a business man from Minneapolis says of the Chapman campaign in his city.

"The value to a city of a simultaneous campaign, such as the one now drawing to a close in Minneapolis, is self-evident and requires no written expression, for there can be and is but one opinion."

"Such an awakening and intense interest as now shown on the part of every one in the community is simply marvelous and cannot but count for much in the civic good, not to speak of the individual benefit that has been testified to by hundreds."

"A campaign conducted on a high level and in a plain, straightforward and dignified way and by men of culture and refinement, such as we have just experienced, has stamped it as one that has challenged the respect and admiration of every type of citizen, and Minneapolis to-day stands with bowed head, acknowledging the name of the Man of Galilee."

"It appears evident, too, that in no other way but by a simultaneous, positive and united action could such results as we now see have been accomplished."

SPECTACULAR FEATURES OF A GREAT FIRE

Loss in Philadelphia Last Night Was \$750,000.—It Was Probably of Incendiary Origin.

Philadelphia, Nov. 3.—A spectacular fire that was marked by many thrilling incidents destroyed the lumber yards of R. A. & J. J. Williams in the northwestern section of the city last night, entailing a loss estimated at \$750,000. The yard is on a rectangular piece of ground at Glenwood and Locust avenues and Cumberland, York and Twenty-second streets and close beside the tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad. As a result of the fierce blaze southern and western trains were held up several hours causing great inconvenience. A line of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company crosses Glenwood avenue just at the scene of the blaze. This bridge caught fire and the heat warped the rails so that traffic was tied up on the line.

While the fire was in its incipient stage, a fireman, who was working on the big pile of lumber, the flames at their way around the engine and escaped with their lives. They could not get the apparatus away from the flames and both horses were burned to death. Wilkinson was seriously burned trying to save the animals. It is believed the fire was of incendiary origin.

A LITTLE VILLAGE BADLY DAMAGED

Savannah, N. Y., Loss By Fire Today Was \$100,000.—Aid From Syracuse Was Too Late to Be of Service.

Syracuse, N. Y., Nov. 3.—Fire today destroyed a large business section of the Savannah, 30 miles west of here. The damage is \$100,000. A special train carrying fire apparatus was rushed from here but arrived too late to be of much service. The churches and homes of the town were saved.

NOT PARTY OF REVENGE

Declared Hearst in Reply to Chairman Mack on Independence League.

New York, Nov. 3.—William R. Hearst, national chairman of the Independence party, in a statement last night, replied to the charge made by Democratic national chairman Mack that Mr. Hearst had organized a new party to obtain revenge upon Mr. Bryan for the latter's failure to aid Hearst in his presidential aspirations of four years ago. Mr. Hearst denied Chairman Mack's charge declaring that he was not angry at Mr. Bryan because (Hearst) was not nominated by the Democratic convention in 1904.

"It was not at all necessary for me to have been nominated," declared Mr. Hearst in his statement. "I was willing to support any other progressive Democrat. If the anti-Parker forces had united on any one man Parker would have been defeated for the nomination."

Mr. Hearst declared that his loss of confidence in Mr. Bryan prompted him to form a new party. He added:

"Those who believe as I do have formed a new party and I declare that this new party is the only one which earnestly and sincerely advocates reform and the only one which has in this whole campaign done anything whatever to expose corruption and promote reform."

"I am proud of the work of the Independence party in this campaign. It has done much for our campaign and sown the seed for a rich harvest in future achievements."

A Spaniard employed at the quarry of Boutwell, Vermont & Milne sustained a fracture of one shoulder to-day by being hit by a piece of granite which flew from a falling stone. The stone was being lifted by derrick at the time. Mr. Hayes was called to attend the injured man.

SEEK POWER TO DO WORK

City of Barre and Others Interested in the Project

TO TURN COURSE OF RIVER

Will Apply to Legislature for an Enabling Act—All Agreed as to Desirability of Proposal—Other Acts of Council.

The question of the proposed changing of the river bed from the rear of the blocks on Main street by cutting a channel through Burnham's meadows starting at a point near the Prospect bridge, was brought before the city council last evening and the council was asked if it would take measures to get the change to allow for a change of the river bed to be made. F. G. Howland as chairman of the committee called by the parties interested in the project which it was first started, a few months ago presented the facts to the council. The other members of the committee were Mayor Robbins, W. G. Reynolds and B. A. Eastman. Mr. Howland said that the committee had conferred with the officials of the Montpelier & Wells River road and of the Central Vermont road, and these companies had met the idea favorably. The abutters, he said, all realized the advisability of the change and were very enthusiastic in taking steps towards a consummation of the project. The committee had decided, he said, that the best and speediest way to carry the matter through was by an enabling act which would allow the change to be made and ask the council, since the change would be a benefit to the city as well as the abutters, to take the matter into its hands and apply to the legislature for the act.

F. W. Stanyan, superintendent of the M. & W. railroad, was present, and stated that he stood ready to do anything to aid the matter and was desirous of having the change made, but if it was made, he said, it would have to be done this coming summer, as the railroad had already completed the contracts for two new bridges across the river, where they would not be needed if the river should be changed, and these bridges would have to be built by another year. He agreed with the committee that the proper way to make the change was by an enabling act, as he thought it was the only possible manner in which the abutters and interested parties could get together in regard to settlements.

S. Hollister Jackson spoke in favor of the question, saying that the change was greatly needed and would be a benefit to the city, and suggested that if the change should be made that the city keep the land after the old river had been filled for a public highway.

City Attorney J. Ward Carver said that he saw no reason why the city could not advantageously take the matter up. The council then went into executive session to discuss the matter, and Mayor Robbins stated to the parties present that their decision on the question would be made known to them to-day through the city attorney.

After a discussion of the question in executive session the council finally voted to instruct the city attorney, in conjunction with the attorneys representing the Central Vermont and Barre railroad companies and the abutters, to draw up the necessary papers and present them to the council for its consideration before they are presented to the legislature.

The council also voted to apply to the legislature for the right to amend section 48 of the city charter which reads that a voter must have resided in a ward 30 days before he can vote. The proposed amendment changes the section to read so that the 30 days time shall apply only to the offices of aldermen, school commissioners and other ward officers.

OTHER BUSINESS DONE

Before the hearing the council disposed of the following business. The report of the overseer of the poor for the month of October, as read and accepted, was as follows: cash on hand, Oct. 1, \$109.93; received from the city \$330; paid out, \$307.86; balance, \$132.07.

F. W. Langlois was granted a pool room license at 34 Granite street. A communication from Mrs. Bianchi of Montpelier was read, in which she stated that if the city did not fix up the fence about her property at 57 Granite street they agreed when they widened the street, she would put up the fence and refuse to give the city any of the land. Alderman Campbell said that trade with Mrs. Bianchi had been made by a former street-committee and that they promised her to replace the fence and he thought the city should do it. On motion of Alderman Alexander the matter was referred to the street committee with power to act.

L. B. Dodge asked for permission to cut down two elm trees and one maple, which stand on the sidewalk directly in front of the city hall, and to erect a building on the lot. On motion of Alderman Alexander the request was referred to the street committee to investigate and report.

The following reports from the building inspector were read: A. Fine to rebuild chimney, E. Armstrong to build a lean house; George Morris to build a lean house; J. C. Harris to cover roof of piazza and patch roof of house; E. L. Denmore to build a piazza and repair barn; A. Anderson & Sons to repair shed and build an extension 24 feet long to their shed; Mrs. Simon Nye to re-top chimney. On motion of Alderman Campbell permits were ordered granted to all except A. Anderson & Sons, which was referred back to the inspector for more definite information as to where the extension was to be erected in reference to the street lines. Cyril Demars made application for a permit to connect his

house on Harold street with the sewer and to have the sewer extended onto that street. Referred to the street committee to investigate and report.

IN BLAZE OF COLOR

The Knights of Pythias Fair Was Opened Last Evening.

The first annual fair which opened last evening at Woodmen hall under the auspices of Vincennes lodge, Knights of Pythias, bids fair to be one of the most successful ever held in the city. Affairs undertaken by Vincennes lodge are usually of the highest quality and this, the first fair ever attempted, will establish itself as a criterion for similar events to be held.

The hall decorations are probably the most artistic ever seen in the city and slow painstaking effort on the part of the decorating committee combined with an ability seldom equaled except among professional decorators. As far as it is possible to do the color scheme of the decorations is carried out in the color of the order, red, yellow and blue; and green and white were also used to good advantage in places.

The stage is beautifully decorated in colors, the front being solid ground of red, across which are the letters K. of P., and the refreshment and fish pond booths, one at either end of the stage are also decorated. There are three booths at the opposite end of the hall all of them elaborately decorated in the colors of the order combined with white.

At the first two booths are candy and fancy goods on sale and in the third are exhibited the prizes which will be given at the close of the fair. The decoration of these booths is particularly elegant. Above them are the words "Charity, Benevolence and Friendship," each on a different colored background.

The booths are in charge of Mrs. William Mercer, Mrs. P. D. Ladd and Mrs. C. F. Stevens. George Mr. Gates is in charge of the "fish pond" and at the refreshment booth are Mrs. James Robertson and Miss Dora Robertson.

The program last evening consisted of the following program by Gilbertson's orchestra of eight pieces: overture "Lullaby," by Wallace; clarinet solo, "Ritornel d'opéra," W. E. Dufur; "Fairy dance," Tharbach; cornet solo, "Asthore," by C. J. Roberts, W. J. Gilbertson; march from Tchaikovsky. At the conclusion of the concert the orchestra furnished music for dancing, which continued until a late hour.

The various committees in charge of the fair are as follows: general committee, W. H. Duthie, C. D. Swasey, R. S. Currier, J. N. Gall and F. W. Nichols; decoration committee, James Robertson, Charles Kenyon, W. O. Hanson and D. J. Morse; booth committee, S. O. Baker, William Mercer, G. M. Gates and David Boyce; refreshment committee, J. M. Ewen, William Thayer and William Robertson; entertainment, N. E. Lewis, F. E. Robinson, and J. W. Carver. Ed. Tobin is chairman of the dance committee and acted as floor manager during the evening.

It is expected that the returns will be made whereby the election returns will be received at the hall during the fair this evening.

YOUNG MAN HURT

His Mother Had Paralytic Stroke and Died Next Day.

White River Junction, Nov. 3.—A serious accident occurred at Quebec village when Roy Marcott on returning home after his day's work in the mill attempted to pass in front of a team driven by Fred Farrington. The shaft of the team struck him in the side, breaking several ribs, penetrating the clothing and flesh and grazing the lungs. Dr. Rogers was called, and after examination ordered his removal to the Hanover hospital. His mother, a woman of about 45 years, was summoned to the scene and suffered a paralytic shock as the result of the fright, dying the next day.

SCHOOLS CLOSED

In Order to Prevent Spread of Diphtheria at Richmond.

Richmond, Nov. 3.—There are four mild cases of diphtheria in this village and as precautionary measures the schools were closed yesterday noon for fumigation. It was necessary to send away for a supply of formaldehyde, so the schools will probably not reopen before Monday. There is no fear of an epidemic. All the village physicians have inspected the school buildings and pronounce them sanitary in every way.

ALMOST OVERFLOWING

Richford Water Reservoirs Are Being Replenished.

Richford, Nov. 3.—The two reservoirs of the village water system were within eight inches of overflowing yesterday morning and will probably be full before the end of the week. This is due to the replacing of the 4-inch supply pipe with an 8-inch pipe, the light rains and the decrease in consumption since summer.

CURRIER-GILMAN

Marriage of Barre People by the Rev. Mr. Poole.

Charles L. Currier and Mrs. Ida E. Gilman were united at 166 Washington street, Mr. and Mrs. Currier will reside at 116 Washington street in the house recently purchased by Mr. Currier.

MARRIED AT NORTHFIELD

Miss Charlotte Mortimer of Barre and Harold Ennis of Montpelier.

Miss Charlotte Mortimer of this city and Harold E. Ennis of Montpelier were married at Northfield yesterday by the Rev. Mr. Buckley. They left on a wedding trip to Boston and to Newport, R. I. The groom is the son of E. J. Ennis and has been employed in the Ennis barber shop for some time.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Musical by Goddard students at the K. of P. fair to-night.

Union prayer service of the young people this evening, from 7 to 7:30 o'clock, at the Presbyterian church.

LIGHT VOTING IN BARRE

Voters Don't Show Interest by Their Ballots

NO STIR IN ANY OF WARDS

The Weather Was Not Favorable to Getting Out a Big Vote in Vermont—Polls Opened Here at 10 a. m.

With no particular incentive to bring out the voters the balloting in to-day's presidential election in Barre was rather slow, and the indications were that a light vote would be cast. The checklist contained this year 2,150 names. The duty of voting was simple, there being nothing but the throwing of a single ball for four presidential electors, and there were only four tickets in the field in Vermont, against nine in many other states. The difference was due to the failure to file the other five tickets.

Republican, Taft and Sherman. Frank G. Butterfield of Derby. Frank E. Howe of Bennington. Willard B. Howe of Burlington. Herbert D. Ryder of Rockingham.

Democratic, Bryan and Kern. A. Allyn Olmstead of Newbury. John H. Donnelly of Vergennes. J. C. Durick of Fair Haven.

Prohibition, Chaiss and Watkins. Merritt B. Morgan of Bennington. Noble L. Ball of Ferrisburg. Fred L. Page of Barre. J. A. R. Corwin of Chelsea.

Independence League, Higgen and Graves. Quincy S. Backus of Brandon. Samuel L. Huffmire of Rutland City. Robert C. Rott of Swanton. Edward Abbott of Bradford.

Only a few voters cast their ballots from ten to eleven, the first hour of the opening. But at the noon hour there was a big rush to the polls, as usual, and the ballot clerks were kept busy. At two o'clock this afternoon the indications were that a vote nearly equal to that of four years ago would be cast in this city. In three wards at that time 641 votes had been cast, against 652 at the same time in 1904, when Barre gave Roosevelt a large majority.

MONTPELIER VOTE SLICED

There Is a Very Noticeable Falling Off Over Four Years Ago.

Up to this noon only 384 votes had been cast in Montpelier, against 910 at the same time four years ago when presidential electors were chosen. This indicates that a tremendous slice will be cut out of Montpelier's total ballot. Bad weather and no particular interest in the election are given as the reason for the falling-off. The party managers are making no effort to get out the voters.

RUSH AT STATE HOUSE

Over 200 Votes Were Cast Up to Two O'clock This Afternoon.

There was the briskiest voting at the State House in Montpelier known for several elections there. In the first eighteen minutes after the polls were opened at one o'clock this afternoon one hundred men had voted. Governor Prouty being the first. At two o'clock over 200 voters had cast their ballots, being largely legislators and State House attachés.

Quiet Election in St. Albans

St. Albans, Nov. 3.—Election day is passing off very quietly in this city. Up to noon only 18 per cent. of the total registration had voted.

Quiet Election in Burlington

Burlington, Nov. 3.—Election here to-day is very quiet, and a small vote is being polled.

GIVEN THE PLEDGE

Lewis Mudgett Was Leg Off from Paying Fine for Intoxication.

Two intoxication cases were heard in the city court this morning. Emery H. Cleveland, arrested last evening by officer Hamel, pleaded guilty to a first offense and paid a fine of \$5 with costs of \$5.80. Lewis Mudgett pleaded guilty to a subsequent offense and was sentenced to the county jail for 30 days and to pay a fine of \$10 with costs of \$6.65. At the request of the respondent's wife, who told Judge Scott that her husband could not pay a fine and if he went to jail she would be left destitute with several small children, the court suspended the sentence and allowed Mudgett to sign the pledge for six months. Mudgett said that he earned \$3 a day when working, but his wife said that he spent most of it regularly for drink. He was arrested yesterday afternoon at his home on Warren street by Officer Carle, who was summoned there by telephone.

FUNERAL OF MRS. WHITCOMB

Held Yesterday Afternoon, Rev. Walter Dole Officiating.

Funeral services were held at two o'clock yesterday afternoon for the remains of Mrs. J. Addison Whitcomb at her late home on Summer street. Rev. Walter Dole of Northfield delivered the funeral address and a solo, "Face to Face," was sung by Mrs. M. D. Lamb. The bearers were her brother, T. L. Snow of Watertown, Conn., two sons-in-law, H. A. Richardson of this city and W. H. Paine of Granville. The remains were interred in the family lot in Elmwood cemetery.

Among those present from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Paine of Fairlee, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Snow of Watertown, Conn., Mrs. S. L. Howe of Montpelier.